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SPRINKLER HEAD  
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  - b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
  - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
  - d. ☒ the concise explanation (**reference AJ**) set forth in the attached English language abstract (previously cited in an IDS filed September 28, 2006 (reference AL),
  - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference (\*these references were previously cited in an IDS filed September 28, 2006 (references AJ, AM and AN):

U.S. Patent No. 6,805,203 discloses a cover plate having a curved surface, and a leaf spring provided between a housing and a cover plate.

U.S. Patent No. 4,880,063 discloses a leaf spring provided between a cover plate and a housing.

\*Japanese Utility Model No. 2000-37473 discloses a cover plate having a curved surface, and cover plate fixing members 17, 18 contacting a slanted surface. Springs are provided between a mounting member 5 and a cover member 11.

\*Japanese Utility Model No. 2003-210606 discloses a bushing 23 having an inner hole and provided between a cover 30 and a body 10. A low melting point alloy is inserted through the hole, and the cover 30 is engaged by a lower stepped portion of the lower melting point alloy.

\*Japanese Utility Model No. 2003-265642 discloses heat collectors provided as layers (Fig. 5), and the heat collectors make contact with a cover plate.

5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
/R.R./	AA	6,805,203	10/2004	Retzlöff et al.			
/R.R./	AB	4,880,063	11/1989	Leininger et al.			
	AC						
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
/R.R./	AJ	3016985	8/1995	JP			Abstract
	AK						
	AL						
	AM						
	AN						

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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